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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 461
To: Marines and Family Members of HMH-461

Subj: FAMILY READINESS MESSAGE

1. My wife and I are extremely proud, excited, humbled, and honored to join this squadron family. We are also incredibly proud of the Marines and Sailors in this unit; all of them have volunteered to serve our Nation in a time of war.

2. As we look out to the last part of this year, and into the first part of next year, we see that our schedule is full. The squadron will continue to support its people forward with the MEU and in HOA, begin a pre-deployment training program, send a detachment to support a Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) course in Yuma, Arizona, then travel as a unit to Twenty-nine Palms, California, for an intense exercise called Enhanced Mojave Viper (EMV), where we will work closely with the Marines and Sailors of HMH-465 from California. Between WTI and EMV, we will have our Marine Corps Birthday Ball in Wilmington, North Carolina. After these events, the squadron will finish its pre-deployment preparations and take leave periods over the holidays. It will then be time to go forward and do the Nation's business overseas.

3. I recognize the demands that will be put upon you during the coming months. These demands can make life hard for the families that we leave behind while we are at training, or when we are late for dinner, soccer practice, or a child's recital. It seems like we have ever more to do in the squadron and we know that we ask quite a bit from the Marines and their families. To keep you involved in the squadron, a variety of family and spouse events will be planned during these times. These activities are a great way to develop friendships and learn about valuable resources. It remains extremely important that Judy Robinson, our Family Readiness Officer (FRO), has correct Family Readiness Contact Information. It is my goal to provide her with the most accurate, up-to-date information so that it can be passed to you.

4. My wife and I look forward to meeting each of you and getting to know you. Families are important to us - our direct family, our extended family, and our Marine Corps family.


S. W. WADLE